

Lesson Plan

Ohio – Mother of Presidents

Objective:

- Language Arts: The student will be able to draw conclusions from information in maps, charts, graphs and diagrams.
- Social Studies: The student will be able to use maps to identify the location of cities and regions.
- Social Studies: The student will be able to use sources to answer questions about Ohio history.
- Social Studies: The student will create time lines and identify possible relationships between events.

Procedure:

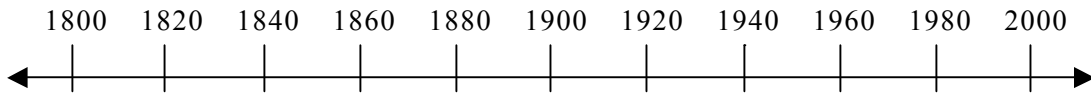
1. Present background information about U.S. Presidents from Ohio. Include brief biographical sketches of each person.
2. Invite students to look at the chart.
3. Ask simple questions to make sure students understand the chart and its contents.
4. Divide students into groups to complete the questions.
5. Regroup. As a class discuss the answers.
6. Help students to draw conclusions about the era in which Ohio had the most influence on the national scene – the mid-nineteenth century. Factors include:
 - a. Prominence in the Civil War including great generals and many soldiers from Ohio (Sherman, Grant, Sheridan).
 - b. Prime location as the gateway to westward expansion.
 - c. Ohio's emergence as a manufacturing state with ideal transportation, growing population and natural resources.
7. Discuss the Ohio map and location of home cities of presidents.
 - a. Cincinnati was the most important Ohio city during the westward expansion – possibly a factor in presidents coming from the southwest during this era.
 - b. As the state matured, manufacturing became more important and this was more prominent in the northern part of the state.

Evaluation: Evaluate student class participation and responses on worksheet.

OHIO – Mother of Presidents

Ohio is sometimes called the “Mother of Presidents” because eight men from Ohio have served as President of the United States. Use the chart to answer the following:

1. Draw a line on the timeline at the election year of each Ohio president and label with the President’s initials.



2. What era had the most presidents from Ohio? (Circle the answer)

1800-1860

1860-1900

1900-1950

1950-2000

3. Three Ohio presidents in a row led the nation from 1869 – 1881. What were their names?

4. Most Ohio presidents were from which political party?

On the Ohio map, put a red dot on the home city for each president. What region of Ohio produced the most presidents? (Circle the answer)

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

Chart – Presidents from Ohio

PRESIDENT	HOME CITY	BIRTH PLACE	ELECTED PRESIDENT		POLITICAL PARTY
William H Harrison	North Bend	1773	1840	9 th	Whig
Ulysses S Grant	Point Pleasant	1822	1868	18 th	Republican
Rutherford B Hayes	Fremont	1822	1876	19 th	Republican
James Garfield	Mentor	1831	1880	20 th	Republican
Benjamin Harrison	North Bend	1833	1888	23 rd	Republican
William McKinley	Canton	1843	1896	25 th	Republican
William H Taft	Cincinnati	1857	1908	27 th	Republican
Warren G Harding	Marion	1865	1920	29 th	Republican

